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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN VERNAL

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 in the council chambers of the Vernal City Offices, 447 East Main, Vernal. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with general business items presented by staff members from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

"It's our desire to make the proceedings of the board more accessible to the public by holding several hearings each year in communities throughout the state," explained Board Chairman Allan Mashburn. "This provides citizens a greater opportunity to make their concerns known to us, or to just observe how we function."

AGENDA

1. <u>Docket No. 2003-005, Cause No. 251-01</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY for an Order Establishing 640-Acre Drilling Units for Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 4 South, Range 3 West, USM, and Sections 24 and 25, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, USM, Duchesne County, Utah, for the Production of Oil and Gas from the Mesaverde and Mancos Formations; and to Force Pool the Interests of All Owners Refusing or Failing to Agree to Lease Their Interest or Otherwise Bear their Proportionate Share of the Costs of Drilling and Production Operations of the Moon KMV 1-24 Well to be Drilled in Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, USM, Duchesne, County, Utah.

Board will consider a spacing and force pooling order.

2. <u>Docket No. 2003-006, Cause No. 152-09</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION Action for Certification of Expanded Enhanced Oil Recovery Project in the Desert Creek Formation Townships 40 and 41 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, SLM, San Juan County, Utah, for Purposes of Section 59-5-102(4) of the Utah Code Annotated.

This matter has been continued to the July 30 Board Hearing. At that time, the Board will consider approval of enhanced recovery operations.